

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

DIGUET et al Atty. Ref.: **4662-49**

Serial No. **10/542,049** Group: **1615**

Filed: **July 13, 2005** Examiner: **Palenik**

For: **PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CROSS-LINKED GELATIN BEADLETS**

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January 11, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement advanced by the Examiner in the Official Action dated December 12, 2007, which set a nominal due date of January 12, 2008 (a Saturday), applicants hereby elect the invention defined in Group II, including claims 21-23 drawn to a cross-linked beadlet form.

The claims of Group I (including claims 12-20) drawn to an invention non-elected for prosecution herein have been retained in the application for the time being. However, the Examiner is authorized to cancel such non-elected claims in the event that the elected claims are otherwise deemed to be in condition for allowance, such cancellation to be made without prejudice to the applicants' rights under 35 USC §121.

An early and favorable reply on the merits is awaited.

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Fee Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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